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September 17, 2003

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and Cotton Valley
Formation, Reservoir A; HOLLY FIELD, DeSoto
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; all in the Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for HOSS RA SU15 and for CV RA SUK at the location shown on attached plats.
2. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for HOSS RA SU22 and for CV RA SUE at the location shown on attached plats.
3. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize four (4) additional alternate unit wells for HOSS RA SU36 and for CV RA SUX at the locations shown on attached plats.
4. To approve an exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 88-D, effective February 1, 1975 (applicable to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A), and Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E, effective August 1, 1975 (applicable to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A), for any of the above described wells, the location of which, as shown on the attached plats, does not comply with the well location provisions of said Order.
5. To find that each of the proposed alternate unit wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, and the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, underlying the units on which it is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such units.
6. To permit the Operator of CV RA SUK, CV RA SUE and CV RA SUX to produce the allowables assigned to these units from either the unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.
7. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 88-D, effective February 1, 1975. The Cotton Valley

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Formation, Reservoir A, in the Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E, effective August 1, 1975.

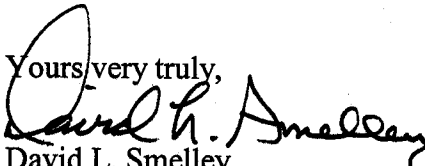
Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of each of the attached plats, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and of the enclosed plats at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Holly Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

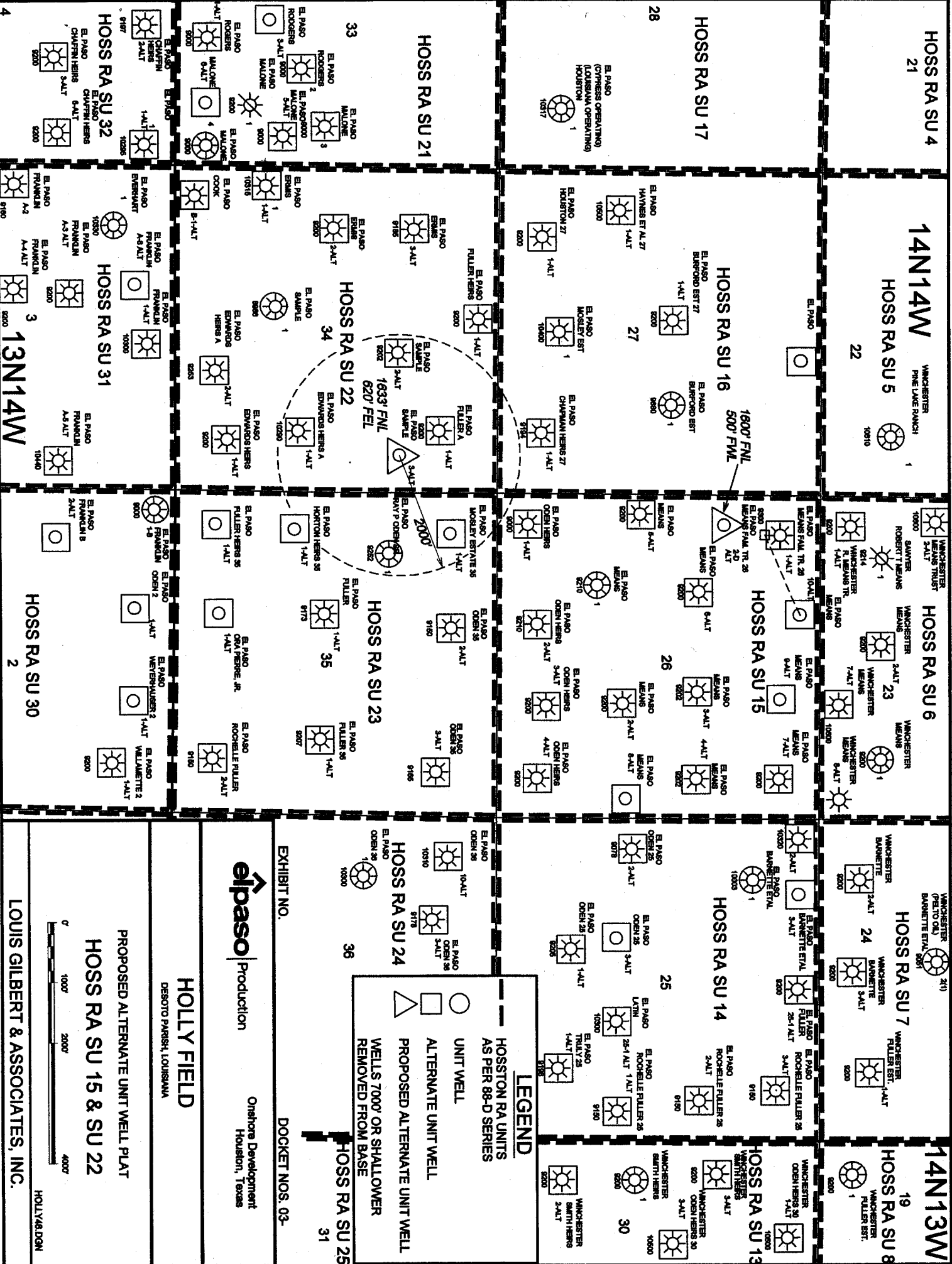
Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for El Paso Production Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Lew Duff (w/encls.)
Mr. Gary Griffith (w/encls.)
Ms. Shirley Galik (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plats only)



HOSS RA SU 4

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14N14W

HOSS RA SU 5

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HOSS RA SU 17

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HOSS RA SU 21

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HOSS RA SU 25

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HOSS RA SU 7

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HOSS RA SU 14

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HOSS RA SU 8

HOSS RA SU 13

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HOSS RA UNITS
AS PER 88-D SERIES

UNIT WELL

ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
WELLS 7000' OR SHALLOWER
REMOVED FROM BASE

EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NOS. 03-

elpaso Production

Onshore Development
Houston, Texas

HOLLY FIELD

DESO TO PARISH, LOUISIANA

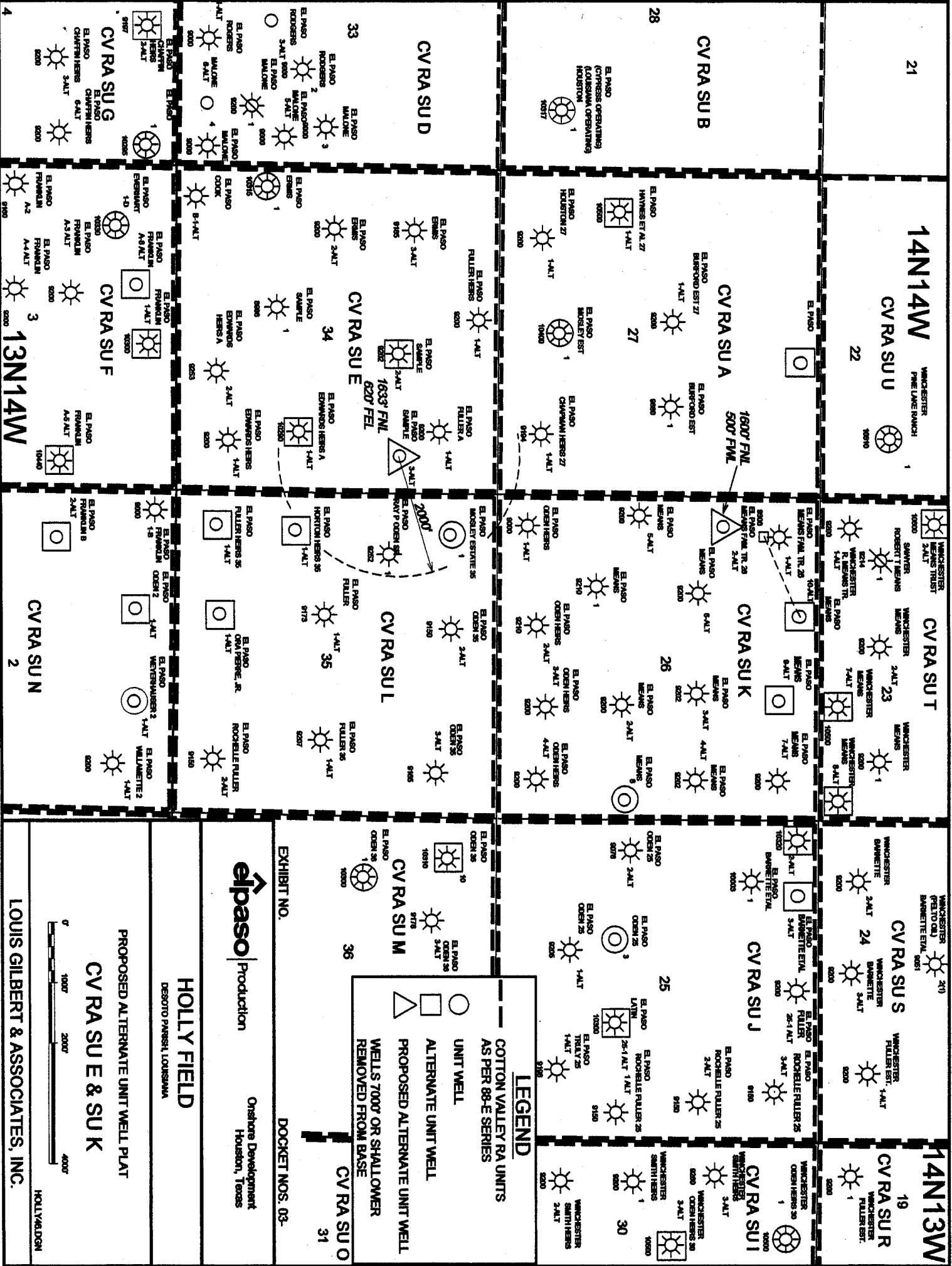
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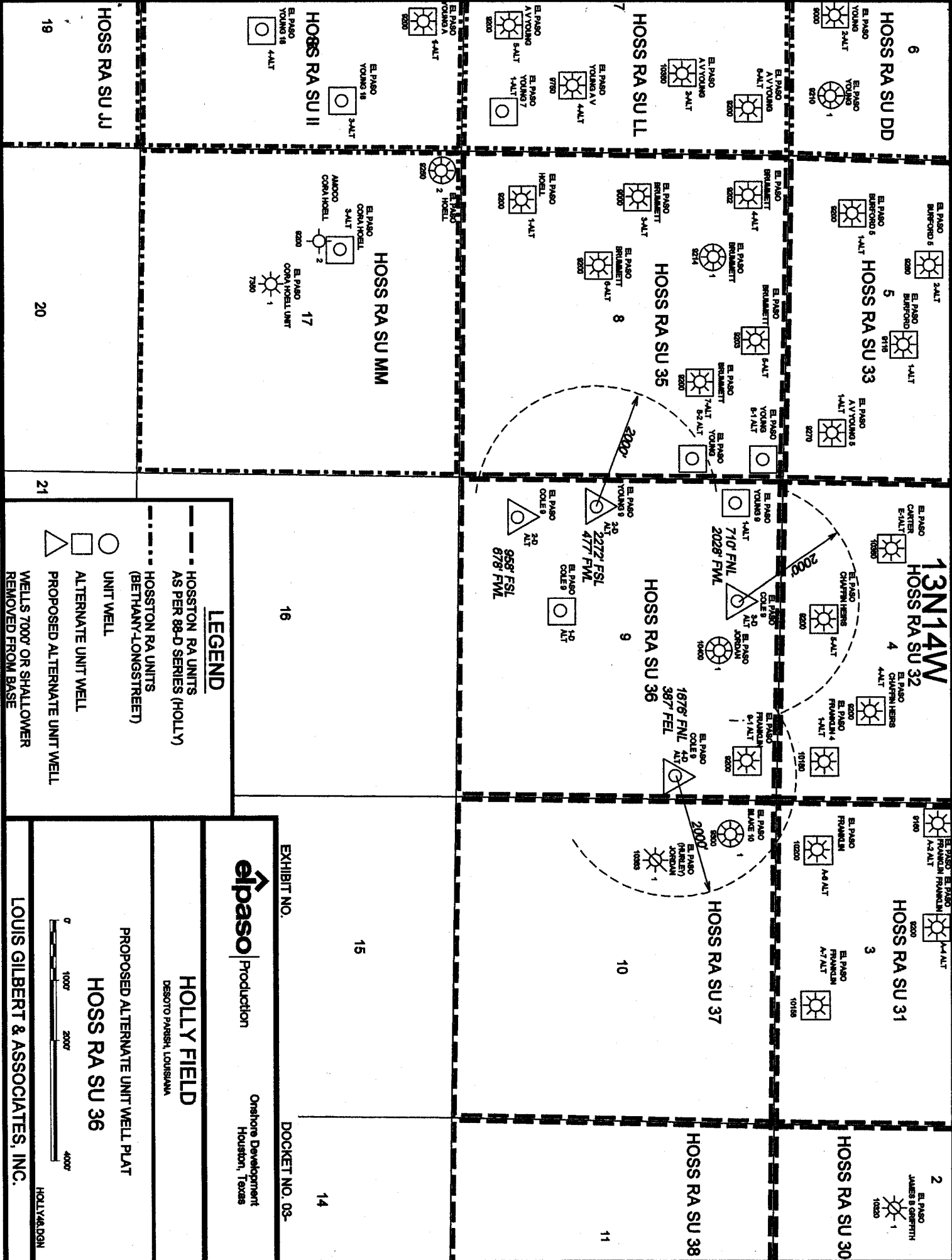
HOSS RA SU 15 & SU 22



LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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EL PASO
JAMES B. GRIFFITH
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HOSS RA SU 31
EL PASO
FRANKLIN
A7 ALT
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HOSS RA SU 32
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CHARTER HENS
4 ALT
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1 ALT
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